THE MEDIAN LEAGUE

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NOTICE OF SOVEREIGN CLAIM

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ADDRESSEES

1. His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations, New York

2. His Excellency Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, Pretoria

3. Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia, Windhoek

4. The Chairperson, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

5. Navitas Petroleum Ltd., Tel Aviv, Israel (Orange Basin Block 1 CBK licence holder)

6. All entities holding exploration, extraction, or development licences within the Orange Basin or within any territory claimed by the Median League

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Median League (ǀAes ǁKhais), acting through its Founding Sovereign Architect, Craig Lionel Gertze, Cyrus, King of the South, as follows:

I. CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY

The Median League asserts full, original, and unextinguished sovereign rights over the following territory, together with all continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, and maritime territory appurtenant thereto under international law:

> *In the Republic of South Africa: The Northern Cape Province; the Western Cape Province; and the Sarah Baartman District Municipality together with the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality of the Eastern Cape Province.*
>
> *In the Republic of Namibia: The Karas Region and the Hardap Region, including the adjacent offshore Orange Basin territory.*

The territorial rights of the Khoikhoi and San peoples were never lawfully extinguished, ceded, or surrendered by any treaty, conquest, or legislative act to which they were a

consenting party. Those rights subsist and are now exercised through the sovereign authority of the Median League.

II. LEGAL BASIS

This Notice is grounded in the following instruments of international law:

(a) The **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** (UNDRIP, 2007), Articles 3, 4, 10, 19, 25, 26, 28, and 32, affirming the rights of indigenous peoples to self-determination, to their lands and territories, to free, prior, and informed consent prior to any project affecting those lands, and to restitution and compensation for resources taken without such consent;

(b) The **Convention on Biological Diversity** (1992), Article 8(j), and the **Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing** (2014), requiring the free, prior, and informed consent of indigenous communities before access to genetic resources associated with their traditional knowledge, and equitable sharing of all benefits arising from such access;

(c) The **WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge** (Geneva Act, adopted 24 May 2024), establishing mandatory disclosure requirements for patent applications utilising genetic resources or traditional knowledge originating from the territories of indigenous peoples;

(d) **ILO Convention No. 169** (1989) on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, establishing binding obligations regarding the rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, resources, and right of consultation;

(e) The **African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights** (1981), Articles 20, 21, and 22, affirming the right of peoples to self-determination and to freely dispose of their natural resources; and

(f) The **Constitution of the Median League** (Consolidated Edition, June 2026), the supreme law of the Median State and the sovereign legal framework within which all engagements with the Median League shall be conducted.

III. NOTICE TO RESOURCE EXTRACTION ENTITIES

PARTICULAR NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Navitas Petroleum Ltd. and to all entities holding or applying for exploration, extraction, development, or production licences within the Orange Basin or within any territory claimed by the Median League, that:

(a) The Median League has not granted, and has not been consulted regarding, any resource extraction, exploration, or development activity within its sovereign territory, continental shelf, or exclusive economic zone;

(b) Any such activities conducted without the free, prior, and informed consent of the Median League constitute a violation of the sovereign and indigenous rights of the Khoikhoi and San people under applicable international law; and

(c) Commercial entities proceeding without Median League consent do so with full knowledge of this Notice, and subject themselves to: (i) future claims for restitution, compensation, and equitable benefit-sharing; (ii) legal proceedings before the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and the International Court of Justice; and (iii) reputational and diplomatic consequences arising from resource extraction on contested indigenous territory without prior, free, and informed consent.

IV. NOTICE TO STATES

PARTICULAR NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Namibia that:

(a) The Median League does not recognise the authority of either government to grant resource extraction or development licences over territory claimed by the Median League without first securing the free, prior, and informed consent of the Median League and the Khoikhoi and San peoples;

(b) The Median League invites both governments to engage in good-faith sovereign negotiations regarding the status of the claimed territory, the rights of the Khoikhoi and San peoples therein, and the terms under which any resource development may proceed with Median League consent; and

(c) Failure to engage will be formally communicated to the United Nations Secretary-General, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the African Union Commission, and all applicable treaty bodies.

V. INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

The Median League is prepared to engage in good-faith diplomatic negotiations with all addressees of this Notice. The Median League's position is one of sovereign right, not of enmity. The founding people of this land seek recognition, justice, and the sovereign right to govern themselves and to develop the resources of their territory for the benefit of their people and the wider region.

All responses to this Notice should be addressed to the Office of the Founding Sovereign Architect of the Median League.

SIGNED AND SEALED

CRAIG LIONEL GERTZE
Cyrus, King of the South
Founding Sovereign Architect
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